

### THE WEALTH OF THE ASTORS.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Jersey Telegraph* gives the following apparently authentic information respecting the wealth of the Astor family :

George B. Smith, deceased, was a long time agent of John Jacob Astor, chiefly employed in the collection of his rents, for which service Mr. Astor paid him eight thousand dollars a year. I heard, for I was there, Mr. Smith say that he collected one hundred and sixty thousand dollars a quarter, of *rents alone*, and *these were a small part of his property* ; that Mr. Astor at the time of his death, was worth twenty-one millions of dollars. By his will he gave his son, W. B. Astor, fifteen millions, a part of which was the Astor House. The remainder of his property he gave away in legacies to different persons. From the time of Mr. Astor's decease, his son must have laid up a million of dollars a year, for he was then rich, independently of what his father gave him.

Mr. Astor was six months bed-ridden, and during all that time gave orders daily to Mr. Smith. He went once every day to see Mr. Astor, and William visited his father twice a day. Mr. Smith said that his habit was to go into the sick room, and quietly take a chair and sit down by the bedside. If Mr. Astor was awake, Mr. S. would tell him what he had done, and Mr. Astor would give him directions to govern him until the next visit. At one time Mr. Smith was appointed President of the Butchers' and Drovers' Bank, and Mr. Astor immediately sent for him. He told him he could not be President of that Bank, and attend at the same time to his business ; and that he must resign, which he did.

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